RAJYA SABHA

Wednesday, the 28th April, 1993/the 8th Vaisakha, 1915 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, Mr. Chairman in the Chair.

ORAL ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Bomb Blasts and Seizure of Arms

41. DR. SANJAYA SINH :

SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHA

JIRAO SHINDE :

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the series of bomb explosions that occurred in Bombay on March 12, 1993 have any bearing on the recent reports that huge amount of arms and ammunition are being smuggled into Bombay from the Gulf countries;

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard;

(c) what action Government had taken to prevent the smuggling of arms and ammunitions into Bombay prior to the bomb explosions on March 12, 1993;

(d) the details of contraband arms, ammunition including explosives seized by police, security and other law enforcing agencies, in and around Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta and other places in the country during January to March, 1993; indicating the details of plots behinci the arms and ammunition-dumps; and

(e) the details of the outfits of gangs and militants, if any, unearthed and their modus operandi ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P.M. SAYEED) : (a) to (e) A staet-ment is laid on the Table of the House.

†The Question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Dr. Sanjay Sinh.

Statement

(a) to (e) That ongoing investigations indicate that the explosives used in the series of bomb explosions which took place in Bombay on 12th March, 1993 were smuggled into the country.

According to information received from the Maharashtra Police, one sizeable consignment of weapons, explosives, and grenades landed at village Shekhadi, Taluka Mhasla District Raighad during 2-3 February 93. Ibrahim Razak Abdul Memon, alias Tiger, was in-charge of the landing operations.

The Maharashtra Police have reported that similar landings of arms and explosives also took place on 3 December, 1992 and 9 January, 93 at Village Dighi, Taluka Shreewardhan. These consignments involved M. Doosa, a notorious smuggler.

Immediattly on information becoming available about the possibility of arms ammunition and explosives being smuggled along the West coast of India. Govt, had alerted all concerned agencies to enforce enhanced surveillance. Local Police authorities at sensitive points were also alerted.

Investigations are in progress. At this stage, it will not be in the interest of the ongoing enquiries to disclose further details.

Details about contraband arms, ammunition and explosives seized by the Police and Security Forces in different parts of the country during Januar/-March 93 arc being collected and will be laid on that Table of the Sabha.

डा. संजय सिंह : सभापति महोदय, हमारे देश का बड़ा दुर्भाग्य है कि अपनी व्यवस्था में अगर कोई घटना घट जाती है, उसके बाद सतर्कता या उसकी व्यवस्था का इंतजाम होता है, ठीक उसी तरह से हमारे सवाल के जवाब में माननीय गृहमंत्री जी ने सवाल के जवाब में माननीय गृहमंत्री जी ने मे रिपोर्ट किया था कि पश्चिमी तट पर तमाम सारे इस तरह से गोला-बारूद, हथियार और विस्फोटक आने वाले हैं । उसके बावजूद मुम्बई की यह दुर्भाग्यपूर्ण बहुत

बड़ी घटना घटी । मैं उसके बारे में सबसे पहला सवाल माननीय मंत्री जी से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि सरकार को पश्चिमी तट में भारी मात्रा में गोला-बारूद, हथियार एवम् विस्फोटक जमा होने की सूचना आने के बावजूद और सतर्कता पूरी तरह से बरतने के बावजूद ऐसी घटना कैसे हुई । "बी" पार्ट, पुलिस एवम् कस्टम के कितने अधिकारी इसके बारे में, इस संबंध में आइडेंटिफाई हुए हैं और अगर आइडेंटिफाई हुए हैं तो उनके खिलाफ किस तरह की कार्यवाही हुई है ? मैं माननीय मंत्री जी से यह भी जानना चाहता हूं क इस तरह से देश में पिछले साल, दो साल में तमाम सारी ऐसी घटनाएं घटी हैं, जिसमें इण्टेलिजेन्स की फेल्योर के तमाम सारे संकेत और स्पष्ट उदाहरण हमारे सामने हैं, तो क्या सरकार के सामने उसके रिस्ट्रक्चर इस रिवेम्ब की कोई योजना है ?

श्री पी. एम. सईद : आदरणीय सभापति महोदय, जैसा कि माननीय सदस्य ने कहा है, यह दुर्भाग्य की बात है कि ऐसी घटना देश में घटी और वह भी बहुत बड़ी मात्रा में हुआ। यह ऐसी एक कान्सप्रेसी थी, जिसका पता होना चाहिए, हुआ भी है और इसकी वजह से कदम उठाने के लिए कोशिश बहुत बड़ी मात्रा में हुई है । इससे सारे भारतवर्ष में हमें एलर्ट किया गया था और उसकी वजह से मुम्बई जैसे शहर के बाद ऐसी घटना, इतनी बड़ी मात्रा में, कहीं किसी और जगह नहीं हो सकी । हम समझते हैं कि सरकार के बड़े कदम उठाने की वजह से ही ऐसा हुआ है । दूसरी बात माननीय सदस्य ने उठाई पनिशमेंट की, जो इसमें गुनाहगार पाया गया, उसके लिए क्या कदम उठाया ? इसमें सभापति महोदय, मैं बड़ी विनम्रता से यह कहना चाहता हूं कि अभी इन्वेस्टीगेशन जारी है, इसके बारे में कोई ज्यादा कहना देश के हित में या इन्क्वायरी के हित में नहीं होगा । फिर भी सर, इस कान्सप्रेसी में जो इन्वोल्व लोग हैं, सारे कुल मिलाकर 89 परसन्स को, लोगों को अरेस्ट किया है, जिसमें 12 जो हैं वह पाकिस्तान जाकर ट्रेण्ड किया गया है, वह भी शामिल हैं ।

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN) : May I supplement it, Sir ? The customs and police officers who were involved in this have been put under suspension and some of them have also been detained under the TADA. About the revamping of the intelligence agencies, it is a continuous process. If hon. Members have any new ideas about it, certainly, they are most welcome.

डा. संजय सिंह : माननीय महोदय, माननीय मंत्री जी के जवाब में जहां तक मेरी जानकारी है कि जहां से यह अनलोड हुआ है समान, वहां से पूरे शहर में लाने के लिए कम से कम 80 पुलिस चैक-पोस्ट्स को क्रास करके वह लाया गया है । तो आप स्वयं समझते हैं कि किस तरह से कार्रवाइयां हुई हैं । माननीय मंत्री जी ने भी अभी जवाब दिया है कि इंटेलीजेंस ने रिपोर्ट की भी है, जानकारी हुई भी है, नहीं भी हुई है, तो यह स्पष्ट जवाब नहीं है ।

मैं दूसरा सप्लीमेंटरी क्वेश्चन आपके सामने रखना चाहता हूं कि माननीय गृह मंत्री जी ने 21 अप्रैल, 1993 को लोक सभा में स्पष्ट स्टेटमेंट दिया कि यह तमाम जानकारी हुई है कि पाकिस्तान का पूरा हाथ है और उसकी योजना के तहत आई.एस.आई. के माध्यम से यह कार्रवाई भारत में इम्पलीमेंट की गई । मैं यह जानना चाहता हूं सरकार से कि क्या भारत सरकार की तरफ से भी कोई ऐसी कार्रवाई हुई है उसके बाद जिससे कि पाकिस्तान में ऐसा मैसेज जाए कि भारत पाकिस्तान की इन तमाम टेरोरिस्ट एक्टीविटीज का मुंह तोड़ जवाब दे सकता है और अगर ऐसी कोई कार्रवाई की गई है तो मैं चाहता हूं कि मंत्री जी इसके बारे में स्पष्ट करें ?

श्री पी. एम. सईद : अध्यक्ष जी, इसके बारे में पाकिस्तान को इन्फारमेशन दिया था कि ये लोग भारत से ले जाकर उनको पाकिस्तान में ट्रेनिंग दी गई है । उसके बारे में उन को काफी कड़ी जबान से हमने उन लोगों के बारे में इन्फारमेशन दिया है और वे यहां भारत से

पाकिस्तान बुलाई के थू गए हैं । इसके बारे में भी उनको इत्तिला दी है ।

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : May I supplement, Sir The UAE Government as will as the Pakistan Government have been requested to hand over the culprits who have actually landed in Karachi and thereafter it becomes the responsibility of Pakistan Government to trace the culprits and hand over them. We have requested both the Governments to take necessary action in the matter and cooperte with us in curbing international terrorism.

डा. संजय सिंह : माननीय महोदय, मैंने एक छोटा सा सवाल किया था कि क्या कोई ऐसा स्टेप लिया गया है जिससे पाकिस्तान में यह मैसेज जाए कि हिन्दुस्तान पाकिस्तान की इस तरह की इनफिल्ट्रेशन, तमाम टेरोरिस्ट एक्टीविटीज का मुंह तोड़ जवाब दे सकता है । माननीय मंत्री महोदय के जवाब के माध्यम से लगता है कि क्या वह उनसे रिक्वेस्ट करेंगे और तमाम सारे उन टेरोरिस्ट्स को, जिन्होंने बम्बई बम ब्लास्ट कांड में तमाम एक्टीविटीज की, क्या उनके बारे में वापिस लाना और उसके बारे में रिक्वेस्ट करना ही काफी है ?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : Sir. as regards this matter which is being taken up only at the diplomatic lev.;!, certainly the Home Ministry has no role to play in it.

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA Sir, the anwsres to the questions have been very ritualistic. It is stated that on two occasions the smuggled explosives landed of the shore of India. And it also names the persons for whom the consignment was meant. But what is important is not only a lapse on the part of customs, but also wherefrom it came. Whether they have gone to Pakistan, whether you have asked Pakistan to hand over them that is a different thing. From which country were that explosives sent to India ? Does the Government believe that this arrangement of sending smuggled goods to cause serious damage and destruction was made by an international gang ? Does the international gang enjoy the backing of a foreign coua-try ? Therefore, I would like to know from the hon. Minister the details (a) as to how it was sent and (b) who had sent it and whether these people enjoy the patronage of any foreign country, its Government or it is being backed up by some terrorist group.

SHRI P M SAYEED • Mr. Chairman, Sir, these are matters to be investigated by the investigating agencies and the investigating agencies are progressing in. their investigation. These things, explosives and arms smuggling into the country,. ..*{Interruptions)* .

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : Since 1992 you are saying that the investigation is going on. At this rate non of us will survive. *(Interruptions').*

SHRI P. M. SAYEED : I; is in progress. (*Interruptions).*

MR. CHAIRMAN : You please listen to the Minister.

SHRI P. M. SAYEED : £ am in agreement with the hon. Member that there is smuggling of arms and ammunition and explosives also. This will cause irreparable loss and destruction of lives and properties. At the same time, which are the countries that are consigning these arms and ammunition and explosives to the country and which are the gangs that are operating in different. ..*{Interruptions).*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Which are the countries from where these things *wera* procured ? Let him be specific.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Let him answer.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : May I intervene? I think the hon. Members must have gone through the statement which has been circulated yesterday. The needle of suspicion is towards Pakistan. At this stage it is not possible for us to say which are the countries that are involved *(Interruption.?)* .

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Is it the Pakistan Government or gome terrorist organisation ? *(Interruptions).*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Now that has been answered. He cannot be more specific obviously. Shri Upendra. *(Intermpiions).*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : It is a very important question, Sir. *(Interrup-tiohs).*

MR, CHAIRMAN : The answer has been given. The Minister said he could not be more specific on this. *(.Interruptions).*

SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Does the Government of India believe that it has been done by the Government of Pakistan or some terrorist groups of Pakistan ? Pakistan ? *{Interruptions).*

MR. CHAIRMAN It is not a question of belief. *(Interruptions)* It cannot be a question of belief. It has to be a question of evidence for the Government to answer. Mr. Upendra. *(Interruptions)*.. . Will you please sit down ?

SHRI P. UPENDRA : Sir, I would like to draw the attention of the hon. Minister to two reports which appeared in the newspapers. One report appeared in the *Indian Express* dated 10th April, 1993 which says :

> "Two vessels ladon with arms and ammunition have left Pakistan early this week for India.
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> According to sources, the landings might take place either on the south coast or the gun-runners will make detour and off-load the consignment on the sparingly guarded eastern coast by next week.
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> The gun-runners are expected to shift the landings because of the heightened vigil along the Maharashtra coast following the recent blasts."

I would like to know whether the Minister has taken note of this report and whether he Will find out if it has landed in India.

Secondly, there is a report from Nicosia which appeared in *The Hindustan Times* of 1st April, 3993, which says :

> "The coastguards of most of the East Mediterranean, Persian Gulf and Red Sea regions have been issued an alert to watch out for vessels attempting to smuggle explosives to India.
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> The Cyprus coastguard told AN I today that Interpol has advised the coastguards, of the waterways which empty into the Arabian Sea to exercise 'Special vigilance' for ships that may be carrying 'undocumented and smuggled explosives for landings in India.".

The Interpol has also alerted countries about these things and, 1 believe, the Egyptian authorities are closely monitoring the passage of vessels through the Suez Canal. I would like to know what the Government has done about these reports. I would like to know whether they are keeping liaison with the Interpdl and with the concerned Governments also.

SHRI P. M. SAYEED We are aware of these reports which he has mentioned. All parts of the country, particularly the reports, have been alerted.

SHRI P. UPENDRA : In answer to an Unstarred question of mine he has said that he has no specific information. Now he says he is aware of these reports. *(Interruptions)* ... It is Unstarred Question No. 322. The same question I put there. He has said that he has no information and he will try. *(Interruptions)* ...

MR. CHAIRMAN : Some more time has elapsed. So he must have got the information. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : May be, a different officer might have given that information. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI P. UPENDRA : He has said so in reply to Unstarred Question No. 322. He said, There is no specific information". *(Interruptions)*. ..

SHRI P. M. SAYEED : I said that I was aware of the incident and not of the details. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Sir .

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN : Sir

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please speak one by one.

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Sir, permit me first.

MR. CHAIRMAN : If I go chronologically, Mr. Mahajan caught my eye first. Mr. Viren J. Shah, I will come back to you.

श्री प्रमोद महाजन : सभापति जी, मैं समय बचाने के लिए बहुत संक्षेप में प्रश्न पूछूंगा । सरकार के उत्तर में यह बताया गया है कि मुम्बई बम विस्फोटों के लिए विस्फोटकों का जखीरा 3 दिसम्बर को तट पर पहुंचा । इससे एक बात तो स्पष्ट हो गई कि वह 3 दिसम्बर के पहले निकला था और 6 दिसम्बर की घटनाओं से इस जखीरे का कोई संबंध नहीं था ।

दूसरे, मुम्बई बम विस्फोटों का 6 दिसम्बर से कोई संबंध नहीं था और बम विस्फोटों में पाकिस्तान का हाथ होने का आपने कहा है। इस प्रकाश में इस मुम्बई बम विस्फोटों की जांच करने के लिए मुम्बई की पुलिस पर्याप्त नहीं है । इस में इंटरपोल है, इसमें और देश हैं और मुम्बई की सरकार पर आज जनता का विश्वास नहीं रहा और जनता की मांग यह है कि केन्द्रीय गुप्तचर संस्था ट्वास जो सब को इकट्ठा करके बम विस्फोटों की जांच कर सकती है और मुम्बई की सरकार जान-बूझकर केन्द्रीय गुप्तचर संस्थाओं को यह दे नहीं रही है । इसलिए मैं गृह मंत्री जी से जानना चाहूंगा कि क्या वह मुम्बई के मुख्य मंत्री को समझा-बुझाकर उनकी अनुमति प्राप्त कर लें और केन्द्रीय जांच ब्यूरो की ओर से क्योंकि वह भी आपकी ही सरकार है, इस तथ्य की जांच करें नहीं तो इसका अर्थ यह हो जाएगा कि महाराष्ट्र की सरकार किसी को सुरक्षा देने के लिए केन्द्रीय गुप्तचर संस्थाओं को यह काम देना नहीं चाहती है और इसलिए मेरी गृह मंत्री जी से प्रार्थना है कि इस में केन्द्रीय गुप्तचर संस्थाओं को लाएं ।

SHRI S. B CHAVAN : Sir, I dont agree with the first part of the question which the hon. member has put that the people have lost faith in the Maharashtra Government and that is why we have to have some other intelligence agency which can go through i(. In fact, I must say that the Bombay police, according to their reputation, has done a wonderful job. There is no reason as to why we should suspect that they are not doing the job properly. If the CBI is to inquire, ultimately it can be done with the consent of the State Government. We cannot impose ourselves on the State Government.

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : In reply to part (c) as to what action Government had taken to prevent the smuggling of arms and ammunitions into Bombay prior to the bomb explosions on March 12, 1993, I may draw the attention of the House to a reply given in this very House on the 3rd March by the Home Minister to Unstarred Question 1065. The question was on smuggling of arms into the country and whether this was happening. On the 3rd of March, the Government said that the Government had no such report and they have initiated all necessary and appropriate steps to check the smuggline. This was said on the 3rd March. Today also the same answers are being given that immediate information is being made available. Similarly, for today's Unstarred Question 299, it is said that the information is being collected and the Government has alerted all the State Governments. On the 3rd March also they ailtered.

In today's reply they have said that on 2-3 February, 1993 and on 3 December, 1992 and 9 January, 1993 it landed. My question to the hon. Minister is this. On the 3rd March, 1993 the Minister of State for Home said in this very House that the Government have no such reports and actions are being taken to prevent that. What is this ? On the 3rd of March, vou did not have any report and now you find that in December, in January and in February the same things have landed. I would like to know what kind of intelli-

gence reports were available to the Central Government and based on that what kind of alert was given. Even the *Mid-day* of 15th April said that the intelligence agency alerted in the second week of January that, around the Raigad coast, the arms would be smuggled into the State. I would like to know, first of all, as to how on 3rd March you came to the conclusion that we had no such report. What was the interaction between the intelligence agency and the Government ? What is the manner in which the Home Minister is kept informed and, through him, the House is kept informed or, in this case, ill-informed, uninformed and misinformed which led to such a tremendous loss of lives and reputation of the country ?

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : Sir, so far as the landing of the explosives and other materials is concerned, there is no denying of the fact that on 3rd March we did not have any kind of information though in a general way the alert was made. After 12th March when the bomb blasts took place in Bombay, a number of people were arrested. After the arrest and after the interrogation, we came to know all the details about the plan and, that is why, the 3rd March reply is not incorrect. We are not trying to mislead the House. I am sorry that he should make this kind of insinuation. . . *(.Interruptions)*

SHRI VJREN J. SHAH : You were not informed which means that the information was not given.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : Because I didn't have the information... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH: That, is what I said. The intelligence agency had no information.

SHRI S. B. CHAVAN : This information became available only, after the arrest of some people and in the interrogation, a number of things got corrected.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : At the outset, I must congratulate the Bombay police, the Maharashtra Government and the Chief Minister for a very. . . *(Interruptions)*

SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : you are not congratulating *the* Prim? Minister... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI P. UPENDRA : What about the Union Ministry ? (Interruptions)

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : May I tell the hon. Member Mr. Viren J. Shah that I have a much better claim on Bombay ? I am an aboriginal of Bombay. My son is the eleventh generation born in Bombay... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : May be, he has eleven generations of under world control of Bombay.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : I know what the Bombay police is. We should congratulate the Bombay police, the Maharashtra Government and the Chief Minister for the swift and effective action in unearthing the whole diobolical plot and rounding up the criminals and, despite what they may say, for restoring the confidence of the entire nation. The revelations have indeed been shocking. What is worse is that all this wouldn't have happened but for the mafias the smuggling mafias dealing in gold, silver and drugs, the real estate mafias and the mafias dealing in the film world converging with one another.,.. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA : And they have connection with the politicians.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : I feel that the time has come to destroy these mafias.. . *(Interruptions)* I am fairly disappointed with the d'plomatic initiatives which the Government has taken for bringing the culprits ment has taken for bringing the culprits this country, I don't like the situation that ... *(Interruptions)*

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : His own Congress MLAs are involved and he is trying to give certificates. . . *(Interruptions)* The Congress MLA* are involved with mafias. Don't give your lecture here

.. .*(interruptions)* Are you giving a certificate to the Maharashtra police after the incidents which took place in January ? *{Interruptions)*

SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY : None of you have any right... *(.Interruptions)*

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : I have given them a certificate because I know this much couldn't have been done by any other police agency. I am against handing it over to the CBI. .. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : What is the question ? You better ask your question ... *(Interruptions)* Don't mislead the House. You are adding insult to injury... *(Interruptions)* The Maharashtra police is responsible for all the atrocities on the Muslims. . . *(Interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please sit down... *(Interruptions)* Mr. Bhandare, please ask your question. You can avoid the controversy if you pose your questions. . . *(Interruptions)*

SHRI SURESH KALMADI : The remarks made by Mr. Morarka must be expunged. He has made a very wild allegation that the Maharashtra police killed all the Muslims. This is a very wrong allegation. I request that it should be taken off the record.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : I repeat with all sense of responsibility that the Maharashtra police has connived with the mafias, with all the anti-social elements. The law and order situation in Bombay would not have been so bad if the Maharashtra police had acted properly.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Sir, It is an unfortunate remark and it should be taken off the record.

MR. CHAIRMAN : I think this has been said several times before in public and inside. I don't think I can take it out of the record. Please ask your question.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : Sir, may I just ask Mr. Kamal Morarka... *(Interruptions)*...

SHRI SURESH KALMADI : If Mr. Kamal Morarka spoke... *(interruptions)*... It should be expunged because a very wild allegation is made against the Maharashtra police.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Sir, I seek your protection. Why cannot I speak against the Maharashtra police ? What is unparliamentary in this ? . ..*(interruptions)*

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please, order. Please.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI : It must be expunged from the record because a very, very wild allegation is made and it can lead to the demoralisation of our police force in Maharashtra.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : What 1 said is not unparliamentary. It is uncomfortable for them but not unparliamentary. (Interruptions)

SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT : Sir, I beg your pardon. What were the Maharashtra police doing before the bomb blast ? What were they doing ? All this meterial, these arms and ammunition were recovered now. They were in Bombay much before the bomb blasts took place. What were they doing before ?

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : May I inform Mr. Kamal Morarka that Mr. V. P. Singh has refused to go and canvass for 50-60 candidates because they were all having criminal records? May I say this. . .*(interruption)*. ..

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please ask you question now.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : I don't like that a mafia don. ..*(interruption)*. ..

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Please speak about your Pappu Kalani. Your own MLAs are arrested under the TADA.

SHRI VITHALRAO" MADHAVRAO JADHAV : What was the concern of this statement with the question?... *(interruption)* ...

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHAJMDARE : I am speaking for myself. I am for breaking the nexus between the criminals and those in high positions. There can be no mistake about that. May I ask you only one question if Mr. Kamal Morarka keeps quiet ?

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : I will keep quiet, but I am not going to be instructed by you.

MR. CHAIRMAN : Please ask your question. The hole problem would be solved if you put your question.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : I wish they come out with a White Paper with the details. We will deal with it.

SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : You bring out a White Paper giving the details of the black deeds of your Government.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : I am sorry for the interruption. But I speak for the confidence of the nation. I don't like that a mafia don like Dawood Ibrahim can go on staying outside India. But forgetting that, I just want *to* ask the hon. Home Minister as to what steps he is taking to confiscate and seize his properties and what action is being taken against his key aides who are in the country.

SHRI P. M. SAYEED : Mr. Chairman, Sir, those key associates have already been taken into custody.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : How many?

SHRI P. M. SAYEED : In all, 89 persons are there and all those people who were responsible for the landing operations, transport and distribution of explosives to different parts have been taken into custody.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : What about their properties ?

SHRI P. M. SAYEED : Of course, we will seize the properties after proper enquiry is initiated.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE : What about benami properties ?

SHRI P. M. SAYEED : We will take care of that also. We will not leave anything.

SHRI U. B. CHAVAN : Sir, the property will have to be attached first and it is only after conviction that you can forfeit the property of a person. Before that, the police can merely attach the property and see that it is not being transferred to any other persons.

Increasing rail fractures

*42. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that increasing number of "rail fractures" are occurring, leading to accidents and delays;

(b) what are the causes of "rail fractures";

(c) wether the increasing number of "rail fractures" are due to purchase and use of sub-standard rail tracks; and

(d) the steps being taken to reduce such accidents ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the Sabha.

(a) No, Sir. The figures for the last three years are given as under :—

(b) The causes of rail fractures are broadly classified as under :—

(i) Failure due to flaws in the rail metal.

1990-91	5713
1991-92	4217
1992-93	3710

(iij Fatigue failure due to rails being very old and having lived their life but not replaced due to financial constraints.